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Situation Report Winter Storm December 2, 2006, 1pm

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SUMMARY

A powerful late fall storm dumped large amounts of freezing precipitation in the form freezing rain, sleet and large amounts of dry snow. The freezing rain and sleet caused major power outages throughout Missouri, blocked roads and caused structural damages to buildings. On Friday, Governor Blunt declared a State of Emergency, allowing resources from the State to be used in disaster response. This includes units of the Missouri Army and Air National Guard. He also signed a DNR Debris Waiver.

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Boone County	1	Traffic related
Phelps County	1	Traffic related
St Louis County	1	Fire related
STATE TOTAL	3	

Power restoration

Ameren officials report that as of 10am, about 253,000 customers in Missouri are without power. 1900 linemen are involved in restoration efforts. Ameren officials continue to work directly with city, county, state authorities to coordinate other priority restoration areas as needed. Major locations impacted include the following:

Location	Customers Without Power
St Louis County	151,000
St Louis City	28,000
Jefferson County	42,000
St Francois County	19,000
Washinton County	8,600
Iron County	2,600

St Francois County

Two residents suffered symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning while operating a heater in their home. Neither illness is believed to be serious. Three shelters are operating throughout the county, with one each in Park Hills, Desloge, and Bonne Terre. The county is working on debris removal, with assistance from the Missouri National Guard.

City of St. Louis

Two shelters were open overnight, with a population of 160 people. 20 warming centers were open on Saturday. Health and welfare checks are underway of previously identified people with special needs.

St. Louis County

Nine shelters were open overnight, with a population of 182 people. 1 Elderly/Special Needs Shelters was also open with a population of 53 people. 13 warming centers were open on Saturday.

Washington County

Six warming centers were open on Saturday. A voluntary boil-water advisory was issued for City of Potosi. The county experienced power outages Thursday night and debris problems. Potosi experienced water plant problems and is hooking up a generator.

State Actions

On Friday, **Governor Blunt** signed Executive Order 06-46 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 06-47 activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) continues to operate the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at a Level-2 activation on a 24-hour basis.

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has over 270 personnel on duty performing various missions. About 150 people are working in the St Louis metro area conducting health and welfare checks. About 80 people are assisting with debris removal activities in St Francois County. About 12 people are assisting with generator operations and other activities in Washington County.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) is assisting with traffic control on the interstates and at accident sites.

Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP) reported damage to several boat docks at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Office of Administration (OA) staged generators, air mattresses, blankets, and food for distribution in the affected area. OA was also operating three warming stations at state office buildings in St Louis on Saturday.

Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) is monitoring personnel and power status to medical facilities and nursing homes. DHSS also issued a press release on winter storm safety issues.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reports that ALL highways have been reopened, although there are occasional pockets of extremely slow-moving traffic in some areas of I-70 and I-44. I-44 was closed briefly on Saturday in Laclede and Pulaski Counties due to accidents and residual ice. Lane blockages were also reported on I-70 east of Columbia after an accident. Officials reported both highway re-opened before noon. Crews continue to work to clear snow and ice.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued a waiver of the requirement for disposal of yard waste as a result of the storm. The waiver allows any yard waste generated as a result of the storm to be disposed of in permitted sanitary demolition landfills. DNR is also providing technical support for municipal water systems.

Department of Social Services (DSS) is providing personnel to assist with management of donated goods and services, as well as providing support to shelters.

Volunteer Agency Actions

Volunteer agencies are working with local officials identifying needs for affected persons. American Red Cross (ARC) is operating shelters in St Louis and Farmington. ARC has also served 1500 meals, and supplied heater meals to St Francois and Washington Counties. Americorp has representatives in local EOCs in the St Louis area who are coordinating guidance for the United Way's Information Line. Americorp is also performing some debris removal activities in the affected area.

Point of Contact:

Calls for the State Emergency Operations Center should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>